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State Library Notes

1996 DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Library:

Montana Bible College Library
P.O. Box 6070
10 E. Olive
Bozeman MT 59771
Phone: 406-586-3585
Library Director: Sandy Oertli
Reference Librarian: Mark Mathewson
E-mail: mbc@avicom.net
Website: http://www.agdirect.com/mbc
Library Hours: 9am-4pm Mon-Fri

New Librarians and Directors:

Chinook High School - Barbara Ranstrom

New E-mail Addresses:

Janice Bradley, Director of Lewistown Public Library:
jbradley@sunrise.alpinet.net

Jim Heckel, Director of Great Falls Public Library:
jheckel@orion.mtgr.mtlib.org

Michael Ober, Director of Flathead Valley Community College Library:
mober@fucc.cc.mt.us

New Address:

Mary Bushing of the Montana Library Services Advisory Council and the statewide Collection Management Committee: 2121 S. Tracy Avenue, Bozeman MT 59715

Spelling Correction:

Glacier County Library - Cheryl Chapman, Director

Change in Interpretation of ILL Rules: The State Library recently asked legal counsel to clarify state statutes and administrative rules on the question of whether a school library is eligible to receive interlibrary loan reimbursement for loans made to schools within the same school district. In the past, our interpretation of the administrative rule has been to disallow reimbursement to a school library which loans materials to another school library within the same school district. The rationale was that they were both part of the same legal entity. The legal opinion which we received indicates that the language, "libraries operated by public schools or school districts" is quite unambiguous and provides for reimbursment to each library operated by a public school within a school district.

Legal counsel was also asked to reconsider the question of whether branches of public libraries are eligible for reimbursement. The answer to that question was no, because the definition of a public library is "a library ... that provides library services to the public by means of central facilities, branch facilities, or bookmobiles," indicating that branch facilities are not a separate libraries.

If you have questions about the ILL program, please contact Mary Jane West or Darlene Staffeldt.

Commission News

The Montana State Library Commission met April 25, 1996, and took action on:

New Headquarters for Tamarack Federation: By a unanimous vote, the State Library Commission has designated Lincoln County Library as Tamarack Federation Headquarters, effective July 1, 1996. Lincoln County Library was the first headquarters of that federation, but the position has been held most recently by Missoula Public Library.

LSCA Grant Appeals: The Commission voted to "send LSCA [1996] Non-Construction grants back to the Council with instructions to use the published grant examination criteria." The Council is currently reviewing those grant applications and will develop a recommendation for the May 30/31 Commission meeting.

The Commission awarded LSCA 1996 Non-Construction grants in December, 1995. Following that action, Hardin Public and Lincoln County libraries filed appeals. An Appeals Review Committee found that both appeals had merit. The Appeals Committee recommended, therefore, that the Commission reconsider its funding decisions.

Establishment of a committee to review the current grant process: A formal committee will be formed as soon as more is known about the new federal process.

Federation ARM: The revised administrative rule dealing with federations (ARM 10.101.5102) was approved and will become effective May 24, 1996, after publication in the Montana Administrative Register.

Commission Bylaws: The Commission bylaws have been changed to delete references to specific months during which meetings will occur. They

now state instead that the Commission will hold meetings six times per year and that the goal is to have no more than three months between meetings.

State Librarian Search Process: The Commission is hopeful that a new State Librarian will be hired by July. The Search Committee has completed their review of applications and has sent a suggested interview list to the Commission.

Executive Planning Process (EPP): The State Library has submitted EPP issues for the 1998/1999 biennium to the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning. EPP issues are those items which exceed the base budget established during FY 96 or those items (equipment and library collections budgets) which are zero-based. The issues presented, in priority order, are:

	FY 98	FY 99
General fund replacement of LSCA funding	$93,000	$93,000
On-going book budget	140,165	141,567
Circulation system upgrade for Talking Book Library	78,534	6,767
Authority to expend extra quarter CST to connect libraries to internet	33,000	0
Equipment replacements	20,000	15,000
Travel monies for consultants	15,000	16,500
Computer equipment enhancements	59,500	39,400
Statewide licensure of databases	100,000	100,000
Two additional FTE for reference/consulting services	64,190	64,190
Federations and networking	35,000	35,000
Natural resources shared librarian	6,000	6,000
An additional clerical FTE	17,938	17,938

Any questions about the EPP process or the requests that were submitted should be directed to Acting State Librarian Darlene Staffeldt at (406) 444-3116.

Public Library News

From Havre-Hill County Library:

The Havre-Hill County Library has been at its present location for 10 years. On Tuesday, April 9th, there was a special story hour at 10:15 a.m. The Birthday Cake celebration was that afternoon.

On April 10th there was a special program on Heritage Stories/Journals.

More Montana News

The Montana Library Association [MLA]

just completed a very successful conference in Helena, the week of April 24th. Theme of the conference was **Librarians Celebrate Community and Honor Diversity**. There were many great workshops, awards were given to some wonderful library folks, lots of work was accomplished during the meetings, and in general a good time was had networking and getting to know each other better.

The Montana State Library Commission and staff hosted a farewell reception for Richard Miller, former State Librarian on Wednesday evening. The reception was enjoyed by all and Richard was very touched by the warm thoughts, great food, special decorations, gifts, and the attendance by so many fine folks.

Another highlight of the conference was the reception Friday afternoon that was hosted by the Montana State Library Commission - it was a great chance to get to know your Commissioners.

The MLA Intellectual Freedom Award name was changed to the Pat Williams Intellectual Freedom Award

Awards this year went to:

- Sheila Cates Award for Librarian of the Year 1996 presented to Mrs. Brandy Howey, librarian at Hinsdale Public Schools.
- Library of the Year Award to Broadwater School and Community Library in Townsend
- Honorary Life Membership to Delores Drennen, Library Director of Miles City Public Library and Federation Coordinator for the Sagebrush Federation.
- School Administrator of the Year Award 1996 to Bill Olson from Libby, Mt.

- Special Friend to Libraries Award 1996 to Representative Pat Williams.
- Special Friend to Libraries Award 1996 to Ed Mahlum and Greg Maroney from Inacom/The Computer Place of Kalispell.
- Special Friend to Libraries Award 1996 to Bob Cooper, formerly LSCA Specialist at the Montana State Library.
- Sheila Cates Scholarship 1996 to Gene Robson, Parmly Billings Library, Billings, Mt.
- Montana Treasure State Award 1996 to Zomo the Rabbit: a Trickster Tale by Gerald McDermott.
- Pat Williams Intellectual Freedom Award to Jim Heckel, Library Director, Great Falls Public Library.

MLA Representative Report for Mountain Plains Library Association: Darlene Staffeldt attended the Mountain Plains Library Association 1996 Tri-Conference meetings in Wichita, Kansas, which included the Kansas Library Association and the Kansas Association of School Librarians. The conference theme was "Partnerships: Libraries and their Communities." While there she attended two MPLA board meetings.

Judy Zelenski, Central Colorado Library System, current President of MPLA, will be filling committee slots soon. If you would like to serve on any MPLA committees let Darlene or Judy know as soon as possible. One important committee appointment to fill is Darlene's seat on the Professional Development Grants Committee. This committee's work is done mostly by teleconference. Henry Stewart from Kansas is the chair of the Professional Development Grants Committee. A newly formed committee that will be of interest to some is the Electronic Communications Committee which will be chaired by Brian Greene from Wyoming.

Vicky York, of MSU-Billings, was elected Vice-Chair/ Chair-Elect of the Academic Section. Vicki Terbovich, of the Montana State Library, was elected Vice-Chair/ Chair-Elect of the New Members Round Table. Congratulations to these Montana folks.

Joe Edelen was reappointed as MPLA's Executive Secretary and Heidi Nickisch from University of South Dakota was appointed as the new MPLA newsletter editor.

MPLA has a new listserv. To subscribe, e-mail a message to jedelen@sundance.usd.edu.

In 1998 at the Utah conference, MPLA will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. One of the pieces the historian wants to put together is a history of how each of the states became members of MPLA. If anyone has any insights as to Montana's membership, please let Darlene Staffeldt, Acting State Librarian, know.

The next MPLA joint conference will be April 30 through May 2, 1997 in Oklahoma.

The candidates for the office of MPLA representative are Avis Anderson, Dawson County High School Library, Glendive and Kim Allen Scott, Renne Library, Montana State University, Bozeman. Please support one of these candidates. If you want addition information about MPLA , please contact Darlene Staffeldt at the State Library, 406-444-3116 or dmstaff@wln.com.

Grantsmanship Training Program: Sponsored by Rural Employment Opportunities, Inc. [REO] and the Lewis and Clark Library this training is meant for both the novice and experienced grant writer. It will be an extensive "hands-on" workshop, covering all aspects of researching grants, wrtigin grant proposals, and negotiating with funding resources. The workshop will be June 24-28 at the Lewis and Clark Library in Helena. Contact Chris Allen, REO Project Officer-406-723-4900.

National News

ALA announces reading program "Everyone a Winner—Read" is the theme for new national summer reading program materials available from the ALA. Designed to teach children that readers are winners, the "Everyone a Winner—Read" program offers a full line of products that make reading fun for the participants and ties literacy to sportsmanship, teamwork, international pageantry and sports.

Program materials include a full-color poster featuring a collage of baseball, volleyball, basketball, swimming and other popular sports; matching bookmarks [packs of 200], buttons [packs of 10, reading logs [packs of 100], and program certificates [packs of 100]. Volume discounts are available. For order information, contact Marie Rochelle, marketing sales manager, 800-545-2433x3252. Montana's Family Reading Manual based on the same theme as the National program will be mailed to selected libraries soon. Montana's manual features art work from Montana kids and has suggestions for year round programs as well as a special Internet section.

Thirty libraries to host "The Frontier in American Culture" exhibition: Thirty public and academic libraries have been selected to host "The Frontier in American Culture" traveling exhibition between September 1996 and December 1998. the project is sponsored by the ALA, in cooperation with the Newberry Library in Chicago, and funded by a $350,000 grant from the National Endowment for Humanities [NEH].

Through photographs, maps and other pictorial materials, "The Frontier

in American Culture" exhibit examines how stories and images of the frontier and the settling of the West have shaped American identity and values. The exhibit focuses on conflicting stories about the settling of the West: historian Frederick Jackson Turner's account of free land and peaceful settlement, and Buffalo Bill Cody's depiction in his Wild West Shows of bloody conflict and violent confrontation, and the perspective of the Indians, who were virtually ignored by Turner and demonized by Cody.

Among the selected sites are the Parmly Billings Public Library and the Missoula Public Library. Contact ALA Public Programs, 312-280-5053.

Librarians study tour to Northern Ireland: Ten U.S. librarians/archivists will be selected to visit Northern Ireland between January 26 and February 5, 1997. The ten day study tour will introduce participants to Northern Ireland's unique library collections and special holdings. It will include visits to museums, universities, libraries and holdings of historical interest. The tour is to encourage exchanges of persons, dialogue and ideas. Participants will be expected to engage in follow-up projects.

The British Council will award a $600 travel grant, and cover the costs of bed and breakfast, prearranged lunches and dinners, internal travel, planned social events and the academic programme of the ten selectees. The financial responsibility of participants will be minimal.

The study tour is open to U.S. citizens who are employed by a university or public library as a librarian or archivist. The selection process will be competitive. Contact: Kevin P. Cook, Vice Consul Information, 415-981-3030x235. Deadline: September 30, 1996.

The Long Island Coalition Against Censorship has developed an exhibit that presents 23 illustrations accompanied by text material describing important incidents of censorship. The exhibit begins with McCarthyism in the 1950s and describes two of the most significant cases of college censorship that occurred during that time period. This is followed by illustrations and descriptions of censorship of a lecture, a film, and a play. Among the eleven incidents in this part of the exhibit, is a recent case charging a faculty member with sexual discrimination in the classroom. A number of U. S. Supreme Court and lower federal and state court decisions are documented.

The second part of the exhibit focuses on censorship of the college press from the early 1960s to the present. Using the resources of the college press archives, the Student Press Law Center, and college libraries, a number of incidents of censorship by administrators and students are presented. The efforts of many campus newspapers to protect their First Amendment rights are recorded. Censorship by theft has emerged on many campuses in the past few years and is described. In this part of the exhibit twelve incidents, resulting in U.S. Supreme Court and lower court decisions, are also noted.

The exhibit can be displayed on poster boards and retained as reference source. If you are interested in having a copy the cost is $48. Contact 516-944-9799.

Calendar

May 30-31 *State Library Commission Meeting*
May 31-June 5 *Medical Library Association - Kansas City MO*
June 8-13 *Special Libraries Association - Boston MA*
July 4 *State Holiday*
July 4-10 *ALA Annual Conference NY, NY*
July 19 *Library Services Advisory Council Meeting, Helena*
July 22-27 *Montana Heritage Conference - MSU-Bozeman*

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